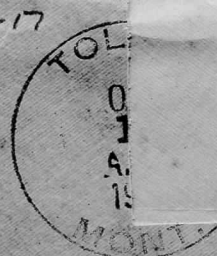


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Dear Sam Jess

Replying to yours of 26th Aug -
which came promptly to hand
We are all well here & glad to
know you all seem to be getting on
nicely. It is very dry and pleasant
here this fall and only one or two very
light frosts. There has been no general
rain since about the 4th of July.
George has his wheat about 175 acres
sown but it will not grow until
we get some rains to wet the ground.
He has some 100 acres to break
up in this place but will have to
wait for rains. He is thinking now
of going after the wife and babies
but a few days has rented a house
from a neighbor to live in until
he can build in this place. I am
working now all the time I can
get at the fence there is two miles
to build this is Angus job and the
first I have worked for wages
since coming here. Have about 6 or 6

days of digging foot-holes it is
rather slow work because it is
so dry. We have just about given
up building the house this season,
are still living in the 12x14 shack
and Geo is sleeping in a tent and
Bertha goes out nights to town. We
will try to make out here until I
can get the fence done. Then I think
we may go to Hardem or Billings
for the winter as Bertha is anxious
to get work we may go with her
for the winter. I would like to help
the girls to get started for themselves.
I think I am about done now with
what I came to help Geo do and
he can get along. When his work
comes I think this climate will
be good for Mama and the girls for
a while. They will seem to be a little
the worse for wear. Now I have
no fixed plans for the future but
should like to return to Cuba as
no great distance, day and, shall try
to keep my affairs in shape so that
I can leave for there on short
notice when it seems the correct thing
to do.

I am still having the old trouble²
with my feet cut side of this I am
quite well and hearty. Have had
a rather strenuous summer butchering
and a cock wrapped up in an apron
looks awfully good to me as our
Geo still likes the Eversham tractor
has broke over 200 acres of sod and
some 75 acres of stubble for wheat
done same road hauling and worked
175 acres of sod with a tandem
disc over twice. Has cut out one set
of master gears on the drive wheels
and the blades are worn so much
been grinding them in some the last
two or three days. Have had the
tractor down to an over load most
of the time cut side of the wear
mentioned have had no trouble or
delay and it seems to have been
fitting for heavy work butly
beat. Now regarding finance the
check enclosed ~~50.00~~ came @ 12.
and I note what you say regarding
an other remit to father & son I had
to borrow 50 to send Mamma for

her trip out here then she had to
spend about 30 to sort up some
for light horse keeping 2 and
just commencing to work for
myself and can earn part of
her living I think this fence
work will bring perhaps \$100
Bertha is broke but will get
work soon we want to rent some
rooms in town for the winter when
the fence job is done we in hopes
to soon be on a self supporting
basis In the mean time a receipt
where you can spare it: would be
appreciated we are so glad to know
that you seem to be busy and doing
well and as soon as I can get
the girls on a business basis all
same kind thing I will be ready
to assist you but may not be of
much acct to the mill as I am
getting to trifling to do much.
and where Regards to any inquiring
friends. Write where you can

As Ever Your Father
F W Cross